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May 28, 2013

Fabian Wesson
Chair, Board of Directors
California Science Center
700 Exposition Park Drive
Los Angeles, California 90037

Dear Chairperson Wesson:

I am very concerned with the proposed agreement between the California Science Center and the University of Southern California (USC). While I am in full support of USC managing the Coliseum, I believe that the Exposition Park/Coliseum Term Sheet that the California Science Center Board of Directors negotiated is not in the best interest of Exposition Park.

In addition, the process for review of the proposed term sheet and possible action by the Science Center Board of Directors does not provide enough time for the agreement to be fully vetted by all impacted by the terms of this agreement.

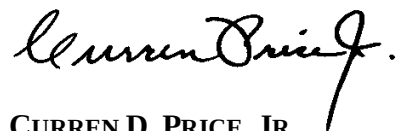
The following points are my concerns:

1. The agreement gives priority to USC for major and special event parking over Museum and park use on 25 days per year - potentially 1/4 of all weekend days. This is a clear violation of Section 4106 of the Food and Agricultural Code which requires the Science Center to operate and manage its parking facilities in a manner that preserves and protects the interests of itself and the California African American Museum (CAAM).
2. The agreement's parking provision will result in lost revenue to the State - specifically the Exposition Park Improvement Fund and will likely result in reductions in Exposition Park, Science Center and CAAM operations. Significant layoffs will occur as a result of this provision.
3. Agreement provides USC the ability to purchase parking at the daily parking rate charged to museum visitors (currently \$10). This is less than the current rates for special event parking which average over \$16. The lost revenue to the State is a gift of almost \$500,000 annually to USC.

4. The agreement does not provide adequate bus parking for the museums on event days. A minor solution was proposed to provide for school bus parking on weekdays up to 3 hours before USC football game. No provision is included with respect to bus parking on other event days.

I urge the California Science Center Board of Directors to postpone any decision regarding the term sheet as proposed until these issues are solved and all impacted stakeholders are given adequate time to review and comment on the proposal.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Curren D. Price, Jr." in a cursive style.

CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
SENATOR, 26TH SENATE DISTRICT

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